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Sri K.•P. GOPALAN :—" സാർ, മലബാറിലെ പി. സി. സി. സൊസൈററികൾക്കു വമ്പിച്ച നഷ്ടം വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു് അവയെ മൾട്ടി പർപ്പസ് സൊസൈററികളാക്കുവാൻ—വിവിധ കച്ചവടങ്ങൾ നടത്തുവാൻ ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു് അനുവാദം കൊടുക്കുമോ ? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am sorry I have not understood a word of what my hon. Friend has said."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that the P.C.C. Societies in Malabar are working at a loss, will the Government be pleased to direct that they can do the multi-purpose business also? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" In view of the fact that there is a drop in the purchase of grains by the card-holders and because of that, retrenchment will be necessary, have the Government any plan to provide work for those who are likely to be retrenched? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member will himself admit that retrenchment and cutting of pay are matters relating to the internal administration of the Society and I am afraid that the Government cannot interfere at this stage anticipating trouble."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Are the Government aware that the Supply Department officials like the Taluk Supply Officers and the District Supply Officers and other letters put together are interfering with the Provincial Credit Co-operative Societies and compelling them to make retrenchment even where the societies do not feel it necessary to retrench? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be asked, Sir."

Assignment of lands in South Kanara.

* 233 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total extent of land assigned to the landless poor in the district of South Kanara;

(*b*) whether all the lands so assigned have been brought under cultivation; and

(*c*) whether the Government have given long-term loans to these assignees to bring their lands under cultivation?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) One thousand one hundred and twenty-six acres and twenty-five cents (1,126·25), Sir.

" (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir. In some cases long term loans amounting to Rs. 950 have been granted in Puttur taluk only."

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SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that some landless persons who had settled down in bits of Government waste lands and who have spent their life's savings on it in building residential houses have been asked by authorities after a period of ten years to vacate their lands in spite of their having paid the assessments? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " I have no information, Sir."

SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA :—" May I now, Sir, how many applications of the landless poor were rejected and for what reasons? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " I want notice, Sir."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the Government would set right the matter if the cases, which I have referred to just now, are brought to their notice? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " I am here only for that purpose, Sir."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" May I know, Sir, what is the total amount of the loans granted to these assignees? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " In this particular case, about Rs. 1,000."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" Have the Government realized that mere assignment of land to the poor without provision of capital is of little use for bringing the land under cultivation? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Not only Government but every one of us is aware of it and we are trying to help as far as possible."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is the policy of the Government to assign lands to landless poor irrespective of the occupation they pursue or whether the policy of the Government is to limit the assignment of lands to those who are landless tillers of the soil already."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Our policy is to assign lands preferentially to landless poor including the Harijans."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Out of the landless poor who have been assigned lands, how many are Harijans and out of the total extent of lands that have been so assigned, what is the acreage that has been brought under cultivation so far? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " I have no information about the first part of the question. As regards the latter part of the question, I have to say that about 400 acres have been brought under cultivation."

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Sri M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know, Sir, whether these persons who have been assigned lands are allowed either to mortgage or to sell their lands? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " They are governed by certain conditions of assignment. I do not exactly know what the conditions are in this particular case."

Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to state that Rs. 1,000 was granted as loan to the assignees. May I know how many persons were benefited by this loan? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Two persons, Sir."

Supply of electricity to Madurantakam taluk, Chingleput district.

* 234 *Q.*—Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the stage at which the scheme for extension of electricity to Madurantakam taluk and Uttiramerur, a former sub-taluk of the Chingleput district, stands and also when it is likely to be taken up for execution?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A scheme for extension of supply of electricity to Madurantakam and Karunguzhi villages in Chingleput district was sanctioned in 1951. Another scheme for extension of supply to Uthiramerur village in Chingleput district was sanctioned in 1952. Both the schemes will be taken up for execution by the Government Electricity Department in the strict order of priority among sanctioned schemes, with reference to the availability of funds. It is not possible to forecast now when the scheme would be taken up. If, however, the intending consumers voluntarily offer loan contributions to meet the full cost of the schemes, they can be taken up for execution at once."

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Inasmuch as this scheme, though sanctioned a couple of years ago, has been pending for a very long time, will the Hon. Minister kindly see that at least one scheme is taken up in the next year? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already replied that it will be taken up in the strict order of priority."

Sri K. T. KOSALRAM :—" சமீபத்தில் 5 கோடி ரூபாய் கடன் கேட்ட போது 9 கோடி ரூபாய் சர்க்காருக்கு கிடைத்திருக்கிறது. அதை மின்சார விஸ்தரிப்பு, இரிகேஷன் விஸ்தரிப்பு ஆகியவற்றிற்கு செலவழிக்கப்படும் என்று சொன்னார்கள். அந்த பணத்தைக்கொண்டு, இப்போது ஏற்கனவே சாங்ஷன் ஆகியும் வேலை நிறுத்தப்பட்டுள்ள இந்த திட்டத்திற்கு, ஏன் செலவழிக்கக்கூடாது ? அதை உடனே செலவழிக்க சர்க்கார் ஏன் நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளக்கூடாது ? "